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Applicants: Penk et al.

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CABLE NETWORK

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

The outstanding Office Action mailed *November 3, 2006* has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please enter and consider the following Remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.